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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 November 2008.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-5 and 7 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-5 and 7 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
- Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application

6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to the amendment filed 06 November 2008, in which claims 1, 4, 5, and 7 were amended and claim 6 was cancelled.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 4 recites the limitation "the center" in line 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

4. In regards to claim 4, it is unclear what is being claimed in the last two lines. For the purposes of examination, it is assumed that Applicant intended to claim the angle defined by the second group of tabs being a more acute angle than the angle defined by the first group of tabs.

5. In regards to claim 5, it is unclear what is being claimed in the last three lines. For the purposes of examination, it is assumed that Applicant intended to claim the inclined edge of each of the tabs forming an acute angle with the orthogonal matrix of the warp and weft yarns.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

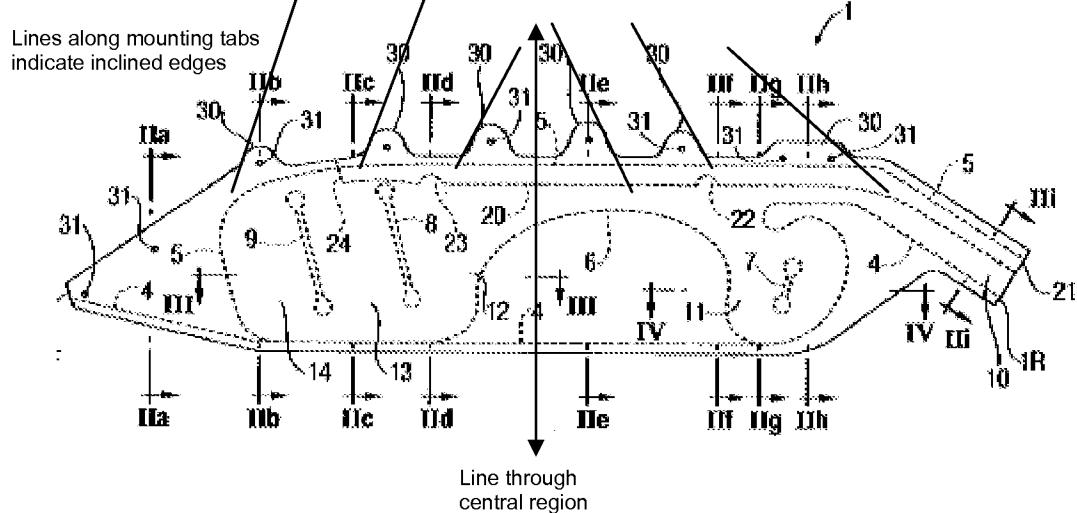
A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

7. Claims 1-3 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Masuda et al. (US 6,199,898). Masuda et al. disclose an airbag (for example, including inflatable curtain #1, 1A, 1B) comprising:

- At least one inflatable region (for example, including chambers #11-14)
- Upper edge (for example, including edge along top of airbag that includes mounting tabs) provided with a plurality of mounting tabs (for example, including #30)
- Each of the plurality of mounting tabs having an inclined edge (see marked-up drawing below) extending from the upper edge and inclined to define an angle of less than 90° with respect to the upper edge, and being inclined inwardly toward a line (see marked-up drawing below) lying vertically through a central region of the airbag
- At least one of the tabs is inclined at an angle between 30° and 80° (though drawings are not necessarily drawn to scale, incline angle is between 30° and 80°)
- Each of the plurality of mounting tabs comprises a single layer of fabric forming the air bag (for example, each of the tabs formed of the same fabric material as airbag; including top of column 2, bottom of column 3; can be seen in figures 1, 5-7).

FIG. 1



Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

8. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

9. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Masuda et al. (US 6,199,898) in view of Takahara (US 20020140211). Masuda et al. do not specifically disclose warp and weft yarns of the mounting tabs. Takahara teaches an airbag (for example, including inflatable curtain #11) comprising at least one inflatable region (for example, including #11b, 11c, 11d), an upper edge (for example, edge along top of airbag that includes mounting tabs), and a plurality of mounting tabs (for example, including #11g). Each of the plurality of mounting tabs formed of a woven fabric (for example, including same woven fabric of airbag) having orthogonal warp and weft yarns (extending in longitudinal and vertical directions; including paragraph 0020), an inclined edge of each of the tabs forming an acute angle with the orthogonal matrix of the warp and weft yarns (for example, since the inclined edges make an acute angle with the longitudinal and vertical directions, then the inclined edges would also make an acute angle with the orthogonal matrix of the warp and weft yarns). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the plurality of mounting tabs of Masuda et al. to each be formed of a woven fabric having orthogonal warp and weft yarns, as taught by Takahara, so as to provide a strong and durable material. Further, use of woven fabric with orthogonal warp and weft patterns is old and well known in the airbag art, and applying a known technique to improve similar devices in the same way, or to a known device ready for improvement, would yield predictable results.

Allowable Subject Matter

10. Claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

11. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the allowable subject matter is the angle of the second group of tabs being a more acute angle than the angle of the first group of tabs, in combination with other features of claims 1 and 4.

Response to Arguments

12. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-5 and 7 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

13. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event,

however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LAURA FREEDMAN whose telephone number is (571) 272-2442. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-6952. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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